

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Currently Amended) A method of distributing data to a user over a network, comprising the steps of:
    - inputting data stored in a device ~~provided and returned~~ by a user;
    - storing said data in a server computer connected to said network in association with a uniquely assigned address or unique data assigned to the user; and
    - transmitting said data to a terminal connected to said network when the user accesses said server computer from the terminal using said unique address or said unique data, wherein ~~said device is a digital camera for rent~~ said unique address or unique data is stored in a memory of said device.
  2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said address is previously provided in said device in a form which is visible to the user.
  3. (Canceled)
  4. (Canceled)
  5. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said address is generated from information associated with the user.
  6. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said address is a URI.
  7. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said data which has been input is transmitted to said server computer via said network and is stored on said server computer.
  8. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said terminal of the user is at least one of a computer, a portable telephone, and a digital television.
  9. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said data includes image data and/or voice data.
  10. (Canceled)
  11. (Currently Amended) A system for distributing data to a user via a network, comprising:
    - data input means for inputting data stored in a device ~~provided and returned~~ by a user;
    - storage means connected to said network for storing said data in association with a uniquely assigned address or unique data assigned to the user; and

processing means for searching said data stored in said storage means in response to an access by the user using said unique address or unique data and transmitting said data via said network to a terminal employed by the user,

wherein said ~~device is a digital camera for rent~~ said unique address or unique data is stored in a memory of said device.

12. (Currently Amended) A system according to claims 11, further comprising data transmitting means for transmitting said data input by said data input means and said address to said storing means via said network.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Original) A system according to claim 11, further comprising address generating means for generating said address from information associated with said user.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Original) A system according to claim 11, wherein said address is a URL.

17. (Original) A system according to claim 11, wherein said data is image data and/or voice data.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for distributing data to a user via a network, comprising:

means for storing data previously stored in a device ~~provided and returned by a user,~~ in association with a ~~uniquely assigned~~ address or unique data assigned to the user and stored in a memory of said device; and

means for receiving a data request using uniquely assigned said address and transmitting said data via said network to a terminal operated by the user;

~~wherein said device is a digital camera for rent.~~

20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said address is generated from information associated with said user.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said address is a URL and wherein data transmission means transmits said data to the terminal of said user in the form of a web page.

24. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said data includes image data and/or voice data.

25. (Canceled)

B 2 26. (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein said unique address or unique data is stored in a root directory area in a memory of said device.

27. (New) A system according to claim 11, wherein said unique address or unique data is stored in a root directory area in a memory of said device.

28. (New) An apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said unique address or unique data is stored in a root directory area in a memory of said device.

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